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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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: **ATTENTION APPLICATIONS BRANCH**

Martin QUANZ *et al.*

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Serial No. 09/740,824

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Filed: December 21, 2000

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For: **METHOD FOR PREPARING WATER-INSOLUBLE ALPHA-1, 4-GLUCANS**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated September 24, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

The Notice of Incomplete Reply alleges that the above-referenced application was filed without an Abstract and, accordingly, requests that an Abstract be provided. Applicants respectfully traverse and draw the attention of the Examiner to the Preliminary Amendment filed with the above-referenced application on December 21, 2000 (a copy of which is enclosed). On page 1 of said Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amended the above-referenced application to add an Abstract. However, solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants herewith submit a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment which resubmits the Abstract. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants also herewith submit three (3) Supplemental Combined Declarations and Power of Attorneys which correct the inventor's residence and address.

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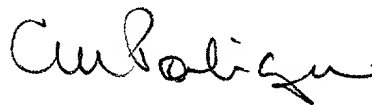
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Respectfully submitted,

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